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Congratulatory Message
Launch of Bangladeshi Civil Service 2041 Programme

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On the occasion of the launch of the Civil Service 2041 programme of Bangladesh, I send my warmest greetings and congratulations.

The Civil Service 2041 is a reimagination and capacity-development programme to nurture the knowledge, skills and capacities of the Bangladeshi Civil Service. It aims to improve public services and make them more people-centred, contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in Bangladesh and to transforming Bangladesh into a high-income country by 2041.

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UN DESA, is honoured to have had the opportunity to work with Bangladesh in advancing sustainable development. Your remarkable progress in poverty reduction and socio-economic development is commendable. Bangladesh began its modern journey as a nation state with very meagre means but reached lower-middle income status in 2015. Now you are on track to graduate from the Least Developed Countries (LDC) list in 2026. Bangladesh has been among the fastest growing economies in the world over the past decade, supported by a strong commitment to sustainable development policy, including a demographic dividend, strong exports, remittances, stable macroeconomic conditions, and effective digitalization of public service delivery.

The civil servants of Bangladesh have been at the forefront of this transformation, implementing imaginative programmes designed to make public services more people-centric, with special attention to the most vulnerable groups, while harnessing digital technologies. In the last decade alone, Bangladesh has designed and launched nearly 2,000 digital public services, leading to significant progress in digital government, as demonstrated by UN DESA E-Government Survey, and the conveyance of UN Public Service Awards. These achievements offer important lessons for mutual learning through South-South Cooperation. UN DESA is ready to continue strengthening its partnership with Bangladesh to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Bangladesh and beyond.

Thank you.